MENLO PARK RECORDER

A PAPER DEVOTED TO THE BEST INTERESTS OF MENLO PARK AND SAN MATEO COUNTY

VOLUME III — MENLO PARK, SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 1926 — No. 15

MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION TAKES UP MATTER OE SIGNS

At an enthusiastic meeting of the Menlo Park Merchants' Association held in Kuck's Hotel last Tuesday night the matter of proper signs for the town was discussed at length.

Mark Montgomery reported that the copy for the signs was being prepared for the small street signs and that they would be painted and put up at once.

The matter of proper electric or electrically lighted signs also was up for discussion and Mr. Montgomery expressed his opinion that the Merchants' Association could carry the expense of lighting and maintaining them temporarily and that later some other means could be provided for keeping them up.

Mrs. Emma Stribbling spoke of the attractive electric sign at San Bruno and thought that such a sign could be provided at a small cost.

The matter will come up for further discussion at the meeting next Tuesday evening.

It was reported that three additional signs pointing the way to the new Dumbarton Bridge were being prepared and that the would be properly placed as soon as they were completed.

The matter of the improvement of Menlo avenue was taken up and discussed at length and it was finally decided that the Association would address letters to the property owners on the street requesting that they pay their pro rata of the expense of the improvement at once and get the work done as this street is one of the most important in Menlo Park.

A letter was received from the State Highway Commission in regard to draining the side streets in Menlo Park and pointed out the difficulties to be encountered owing to the flatness of the territory. The letter went on to say that something would be done ot relieve the situation at once.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Hoss of the Dutch Oven Bakery for the delicious doughnuts furnished by them for the card party last week and the same vote of thanks was also extended to Harry Chandler of the Star Groceteria for the coffee donated for the same occasion.

The question of holding the card parties every Friday night came up and was discussed at length. Victor Dupont was enthusiastically in favor of having a card party each week and pointed out that the work could be distributed over the committee so that no one would feel it a burden. A vote on the question as to whether the parties will be held each week or on alternate weeks will come to a vote next Tuesday evening and a full attendance is desired. The secretary was instructed to notify all members to be present.

Mr. Earle of the Menlo Park Pavilion, formerly the T. N. T. Hall, has kindly donated the use of the big hall for the parties if the Association will pay for the lights.

The treasurer reported that there was a balance of $48.55 in the bank and the the Association was on a solid foundation.

FIRE IN COOK HOME THIS WEEK—NO DAMAGE

Fire in the Cook home here early this week called out the local fire department, put porved to be so slight that their services were not needed on arrival.

The cause of the disturbance was a rug which the children accidentally threw over a heater in one of the rooms in the house and which had a small hole burned in it filling the house with smoke.

It has been erroneusly reported that the fire was the result of defective wiring but such is not the case, and all the damage done was to the rug, and rugs were never intended as blankets for heaters.

The Rev. J. P. Donaldson, Jr., of San Franciso will be the speaker at the Presbyterian Church here both morning and evening Sunday. His subject for the 11 o'clock service will be: "Keeping the Gates of Heaven Open." Evening service commences at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

HAGEMEYER COLLECTION OF PRINTS DRAWS FAVORABLE COMMENT

The John Hagemeyer exhibition of art photo-prints was a remarkable one in that it comprised such a variety of subjects and poses, some of which reached the etching-phase.

Outstanding is the surprising one of Roi Partridge, the etcher. The seeming glint of a living eye recalls a mental image of what Whisler's eye must have been when he fixed some attractive scene for reproduction by his marvelously skilled hand. And you stop at the door again, where it is placed, for a last look into the wizard face of the artist. Highly interesting industrial prints get your attention by the finish and lighting of the subjects. Notable is the "Afternoon Half-shadows," such as you would see from one of the Market street skyscraper windows.

But the outdoors reaches highest perfection in three subjects respectively entitled: "Carmel Mission," "Ranch at San Juan," and "Prologue to a New Spring." The latter, with its fine tracery of branch and twig, appeals to the nature-lover irresistibly. It was placed on the same wall with Redfern Mason's excellent likeness.

Among the heads we mention "Lulu Boyd," "'Kit' Cooke," "Ruth Austin," "Paul Stephenson," a widow type, and the striking feature: "Hunger," which being a crush of anguish-lines, exactly embodies the title given. Striking is the print of Betty Lawrence at the piano—merely the tones of music are lacking.

However, the zenith of the artist's skill is reached in the group of children's heads which appeal and satisfy. It would need but a faint tint of color to render them lifelike, but as it is, their naturalness calls forth all your imaginative powers and they do seem as the living.

Were Turner alive today how he might have enjoyed these cyrstallized color schemes!

BIG OPEN HOUSE AND ENTERTAINMENT AT PALO ALTO GARAGE SATURDAY EVE.

An air of mystery pervades the show rooms of the Palo Alto Garage at 440 Emerson St. this week which will not be lifted until Saturday evening when the public is invited to attend an open house and see the unveiling of some striking new model automobiles which will be displayed in Palo Alto for the first time on this occasion. The windows are all covered with white paper containing large black querry signs but those about the place were not inclined to pass out much information, except to say that the party was going to be something new and different and that those who do not attend will miss a real treat.

We understand, however that excellent music will be funrished by an Hawaiian Orchestra, a spicy entertainment is being arranged and refreshments will be served. Dancing will conclude the evening's entertainment. J. H. Rackstraw, the manager will have charge of the party and will be ably assisted by her employes of the garage.

$85 WORTH OF CALLS BRING $3000 IN SALES

A salesman for a well known concern recently arranged in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, to carry on a sales campaign by long distance telephone with 500 prospects. Arrangements were made with the chief operator to handle the series of calls, and during a period of four days 481 calls were completed out of a total of 500. The salesman was successful in making sales to the value of about $3,000, at a cost o fonly $85 for telephone service.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Taylor gave a delightful New Years party at their home in Atherton and among their guests were: Mrs. A. Andersen of San Francisco; Miss Estelle Andersen, Miss Elsie Andersen, temperance worker; Miss Dorothy Andersen. missionary, recently returned from the Philippines; H. L. Taylor, film director of Beverly Hills; Irwin Charles and A. E. Taylor of San Francico.

FOY O. ROGERS PRESENTED 100 PER CENT MEDAL

Foy O. Rogers, Troop Committeeman of Menlo Park Troop No. 107, Boys Scouts was presented with a 100% badge at the regular meeting of the Troop in the Kuck Hotel last Wednesday evening by Scoutmaster Clarence Henshel of Las Iomitas Troop No. 141, for the valuable and untiring assistance rendered by him in the organizing of that troop.

Mr. Rogers is a "Real" troop committee man and has not missed a meeting in the year which Troop No. 107 has been in operation. He is intensly interested in the work and the members of his troop all bank on him when it comes to an emergency. He has also taken a special course of training for Scout work and Menlo Park is fortunate in having a man like Mr. Rogers to help look out for the boys.

Assistant Scoutmaster F. N. Harris was absent owing to the illness of his mother.

The matter of the summer camp was taken up and discussed at some length and the boys unanimously determined to go to Capitola again this year and are now devising ways and means of raising funds for the purchase of additional equipment which experience at the first camp taught them was neessary.

The troop has now gotten down to a sound working basis and all of the boys who have remained with it are very enthusiastic workers and are making fine progress.

One new member, James McLoughlin was voted into the troop and has determined that he will be ready to pass his tenderfoot tests by the first of the month.

All of the members with this one exception are now tenderfeet and all have signified their intention of being ready to pass their second-class tests so that the troop will be all in that class by February first. Each member is presented with a set of signal flags on passing the second class tests.

There will also be an award to each scout as he passes his first-class tests, and there are two or three nearly ready to become first-class.

Senior Patrol Leader Fred Worrell was elected to the position of Troop Scribe and will in the future fill the duties of that office.

Following the business meeting a drill lasting about 45 minutes was held and Scoutmaster L. E. Harris complimented the boys on the fine progress they were making, drilling like old soldiers.

NATIVE DAUGHTERS VERY ACTIVE DURING WEEK

At the regular meeting of Menlo Parlor, Native Daughters of the Golden West last Monday evening the president, Mrs. Agnes Quinn surprised her officers by presenting each with a beautiful framed picture of Mission Dolores. There are fourteen officers in the parlor.

Thursday evening members of the local parlor joined with Bonita Parlor of Redwood City in a reception in honor of the grand president of the order, Miss Sue Irwin of Berkeley. A large number of visitors were present from the various Peninsula Parlors and a delightful program was presented. Miss Irwin was the recipient of a lovely present from both Menlo and Bonita Parlors and she gracefully responded in a pretty speech. Following the program a sumptuous banquet was served to about one hundred and fifty guests.

On the evening of Monday, January 25 the local Native Sons and Native Daughters are planning to hold a joint open installation ceremony to which the public is invited. A banquet will be served on that evening and a royal good time is assured to all who attend.

Mrs. J. E. Cooper is reported to be quite ill at her home here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shearer have returned to Menlo Park from a two week's vacation trip. Mr. Shearer recently sold his interest in the West Coast Nursery and is uncertain as to where he will locate.

MENLO PARK P. T. A. HEARS TALKS ON BETTER FILMS

"Better Films" was the topic for discussion at the regular meeting of the Menlo Park Parent-Teacher Association last Friday afternoon in the school auditorium. Mrs. J. E. Cooper, program chairman explained the purchase of the motion picture machine by the Assoiation last year and outlined the present plans to finance the showing of educational films here for the regular class work this year.

Mrs. P. E. Davidson of the Las Lomitas District, chairman of the Better Films Committee of the Palo Alto Union Federation of the P. T. A., gave a very instructive talk on the efforts of that Federation to secure good children's films for showing in Palo Alto. Many valuable suggestions were given to the local committee in regard to better film work.

After discussion it was decided to form a mothers' reading circle for study of the book, "The Child, its Nature and its Needs." The club was organized yesterday afternoon at the school under the direction of Mrs. Madge Ryan and following the study hour refreshments were served. Mothers are urged to attend these sessions as many things of value in rearing the child are brought out in the study and discussions.

TRIAL TRIP OF LARGEST DIESEL ENGINE BUILT IN UNITED STATES A SUCCESS

The largest single Diesel Engine ever built in the United States has just been completed in San Francisco and this engine, placed in the General Petroleum Motor Ship "LIO" was built at the Bethlehem Ship Building and Dry Dock Company in San Francisco.

On January 4, 1926, the "LIO" made her trial trip with her new power plant through the bay, out the Golden Gate towards the Farallones and back. She ran over the test course of a measured mile, coming up to every expectation.

The "LIO" was originally built for the United States Shipping Board in 1921 by the Baltimore Dry Dock and Ship Building Company. Her new engine cost in the neighborhood of a million dollars and her other new equipment has cost another two-hundred thousand. She is not only equipped with the last word in power for the sea, but has every modern device for safety and convenience--hydraulic steering gear, the latest gyro-compass and pilot control, radio compass, electric sounding machines, carbonic acid gas for fire fighting, etc.

It is gratifying to know that this the largest single unit Diesel engine ever built in the United States was built in California by a California organization for a California Corporation.

The General Petroleum tanker "LIO" will sail, just as soon as it receives its cargo, for British Columbia, then returning down the Coast through the Canal to Great Britain.

Probably the "LIO" will carry the house flag of the General Petroleum Corporation both to Europe and the Orient, as the activities of

MRS L. E. HARRIS OF RECORDER STAFF ILL IN SAN JOSE

Mrs. L. E. Harris, wife of the published of the Menlo Park Recorder, is quite ill at her home in San Jose, and while the illness is not of a serious character, it will be some time befoe she will be able to be out.

Mrs. Harris had the flu at Christmas time and has not fully recovered at this time and her physician orders absolute rest for two or three months.

INCORPORATION DANCE SET FOR SATURDAY EVENING

A big "Incorporation Dance" is scheduled to take place at the Menlo Park Pavilion (T. N. T. Hall) tomorrow evening (Saturday).

The best of music has been secured and dancing will be from 8 p. m. to 2 a. m.

The price of admission is $1 per couple and if you want a good time and a dollar's worth of dancing be sure and go.

BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION MAY BE LOCATED IN MENLO

It is rumored that a Building & Loan Association is about to be formed in Menlo Park in the very near future and that the founders of the Association plan to take in the territory embraced by Atherton.

The ownership of homes means the upholding of American ideals and aspirations, and the lack of home ownership means the lessening of those standards which have made America great. Home ownership leads to independence and must be incouraged.

According to the department of commerce, for the last 30 years, until now only 45 per cent of the people of the United States own the homes in which they reside. With the coming of the Building and Loan Association it is now possible for the average wage earner to own his own home and pay for it as he goes along which makes for independence and also for the upbuilding of the city or town which he resides in.

The Building and Loan Association also serves as a savings bank and means of investment for the man who can spare a few dollars from his wages each week or month as the case may be.

It is with a great degree of satisfaction that Menlo Park can look forward to the coming of a Building and Loan Association and the independence of her present citizens, and a means of attracting many more home seekers and home builders to her confines.

PARAFFINE COMPANIES FIND NEWSPAPERS BEST AD MEDIUM

One of the largest advertising campaigns in the history of the Paraffine Companies, Inc., of San Francisco, is planned for 1926, it was announced by James Holbrook, advertising manager of the company, and Emil Brisacher, president of Emil Brisacher and Staff, at the convention of the building material concern, just completed in San Francisco.

Salesmen and executives of the concern in Northern California attended the sessions.

"The people of Northern California have been buying our products in ever-increasing quantities," said Holbrook, "and we plan to launch a larger advertising campaign than heretofore in newspapers to further the development of our business in this territory."

Emil Brisaher, whose firm directs the advertising of the concern, paid a tribute to Northern California newspapers, declaring that they rank with the leading dailies of the United States.

"Communities are primarily judged by the value of their newspapers," said Brisacher, "and if this is true the cities of Northern California are among the real progressive cities of the West. We plan to use local newspapers liberally to broadcast the message that Pabco products are not the same as others, because we have been sold completely on the pulling power of the daily media of Northern California. Newspapers, in fact, have proved to us that they are the best channels through which to reach the public."

RECORDER'S PLANT BEGINS TO ARRIVE IN MENLO PARK

A shipment of type and other material for the Menlo Park Recorder office arrived from the American Type Founders Company last week and is now ready for use. The big press ordered from the same company will be installed in a few days and Menlo Park will have its own news paper published at home.

Mrs. Fred Hammond and Mrs. T. Stentiford attended the meeting of the San Mateo County Federation of Women's Clubs in San Mateo Wednesday afternoon as representatives from the Menlo Park Study Club.

Plans are being made for the card party to be held under the auspices of the Menlo Park Study Club at the J. J. Garland home on Saturday evening, January 30. Members may invite guests and the charge will be 50 cents per couple.

PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO. TO SPEND MILLIONS THIS YEAR

"The Paific Gas and Electric Company is entering 1926 with a program for the extension of a dependable Service to the greatest possible number of people, through a liberal extension policy and always at the lowest cost consistent with the class of service rendered," says Frank A. Leach, Jr., Vice-President and General Manager of the Company in making an announcement for plans for the year.

"We will spend on construction twenty-five million dollars. This will include the dam and intake of Pit No. 4, fifth of the Company's string of Pit River plants, and the building and equipping of the new power plant of 36,000 horsepower capacity at Melones, on the Stanislaus, the generators of which will be run with water purchased from the Oakdale and South San Joaquin Irrigation Districts.

"The gas program for 1926 calls for many important improvements, additions and extensions, but the biggest job of the year will be the erection of a holder of 10,000,000 cubic feet in Oakland. The job including cost of land, compressor plant and pipe lines will run to a million dollars.

"The 220,000 volt power line from Vaca-Dixon substation located on the Highway between Vacaville and Dixon to the Contra Costa Substation near Antioch will be completed. This is a double circuit line 15 miles long, costing nearly a million dollars. Work planned and yet to be done make certain that 1926 will be a memorable year in the Company's history. Among the big jobs and the amounts to be spent are: Pit 4 dam and intake, $1,740,000 of the total of $15,000,000 which the completed plant will cost. Melones Power house and tunnel, $2,523,000. Service improvements in San Jose and vicinity, $750,000. Manteca-Salinas transmission line, $598,000. Continuation of work of raising Fordyce Dam, Nevada County, $400,000. Manteca Substation $193,000. Drum canal and Spaulding tunnel, $200,000. Hayward substation, $193,000. Redwood City substation $175,000. San Mateo substation $165,000. Salinas Substation $128,000. Every one of the twelve territorial divisions will be the scene of important construction work. Improvements planned for Sacramento division alone total more than three-quarters of a million dollars.

"All sections are going ahead fast, and the P. G. & E. will see to it that every demand for increased service is promptly met. The future of California depends on its power development. What is more than enough for one year will be too little for the next. So the P. G. & E., keeping a step in advance, prepares for the days to come. It grows and the sums that it spends on improving and extending its service are an important factor in speeding the State's advance.

STANFORD LAUNDRY SEEKS NEW SLOGAN—$15 PRIZE

The Stanford Laundry, J. Byron Blois proprietor, is offering a $15 cash prize for the best slogan submitted to them by January 30. The slogan must not contain more than seven words and each person may send one or more.

An invitation is extended to visit the laundry at 252 Forest avenue in order to get suggestions. The following facts are presented by the management and may prove helpful:

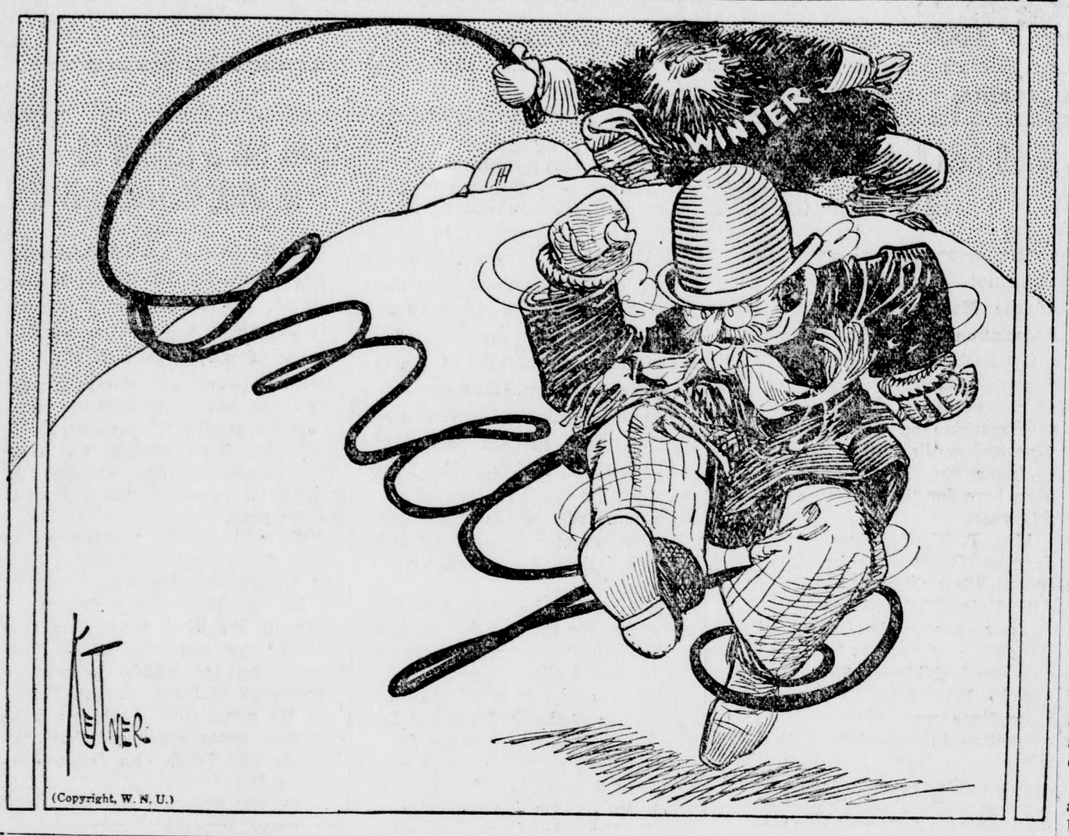
The most modernly equipped laundry plant on the Peninsula. A complete laundry service including finish work, wet wash, family wash, blanket, curtain, Pillow and rag rug service. Four drivers at your call to give you prompt and courteous service.

The prize winner will be announced February 6th and with the number of clever school children in this vicinity who have won prizes for essays, there surely ought to be one who can write the best slogan. Try and see.

Jay T Cooper and his daughter, Lily Cooper are confined to their home suffering with influenza.

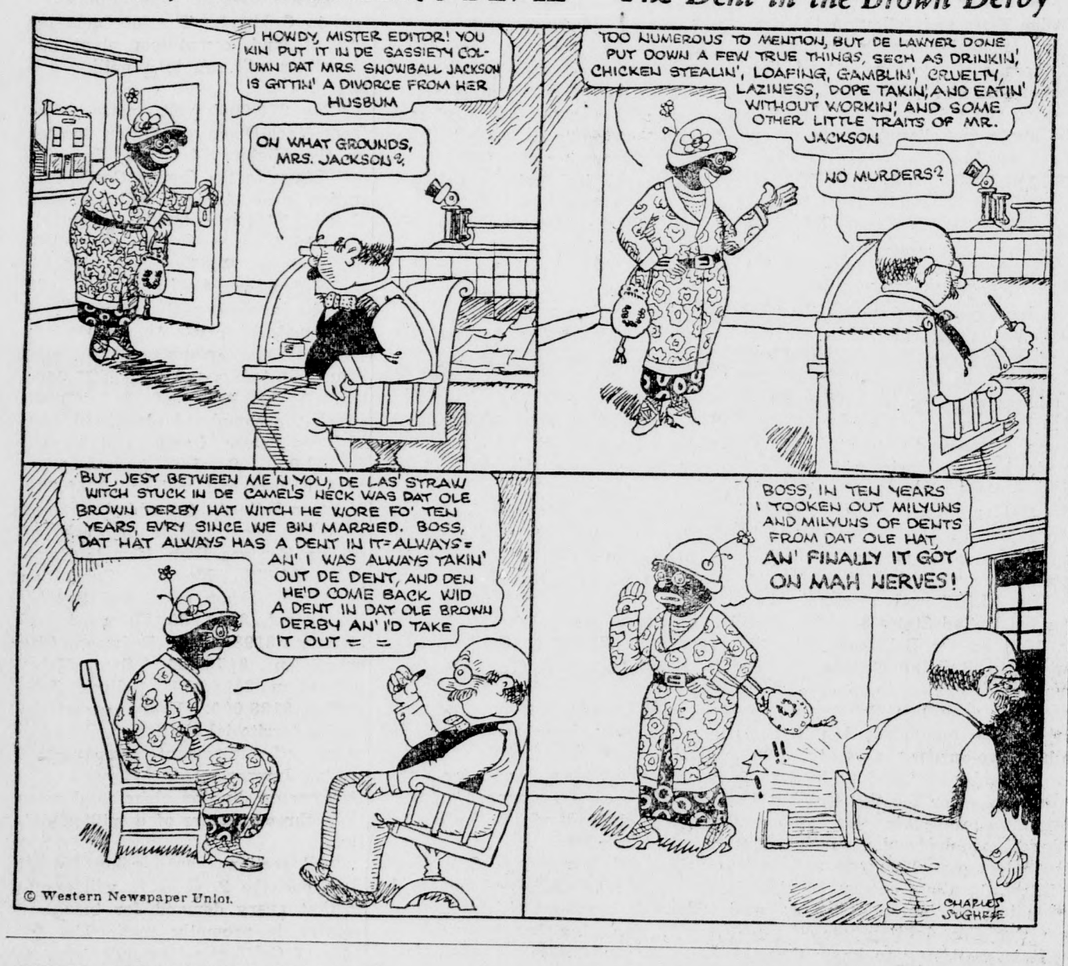
OUR COMIC SECTION

The Bad Man From the North



(Copyright, W. N. U.)

MICKIE, THE PRINTER'S DEVIL



The Dent in the Brown Derby

© Western Newspaper Union.

THE FEATHERHEADS

And He Wears Husky Boots

©Western Newspaper Union

Golden State
News of Interest to All

"It's a Privilege to Live in California."

The Redding, Shasta county, Methodist church has received a pipe organ that will be installed in the near future.

The Santa Monica Water company of Petaluma, Sonoma county, is negotiating to secure six thousand acres of land near Inverness.

Excavation has started for a 32-room hotel in Stockton, San Joaquin county. The proposed hotel building is to cost between $50,000 and $55,000.

Construction of a blooming mill at a cost of $280,000 as a new unit to the Columbia Steel company's plant in Pittsburg, Contra Costa county, was started recently.

The new postoffice building in Truckee, Nevada county, has been completed. The new building is a modern 2-story brick structure, costing approximately $10,000.

The Vallejo, Contra Costa county, city council has gone on record as favoring signing a contract for plans for the $80,000 city hall and branch county jail to be erected this year.

Sponsored by the Native Daughters of the Golden West, a women's band has been organized in Jackson, Amador county, and plans to give a number of concerts next summer.

The Oakdale irrigation district, in Stanislaus county, shows a gain of 20 per cent in the amount of land under irrigation over 1924, according to a crop census just completed by President H. S. Crowe.

An architect is preparing plans for a reinforced concrete grammar school building for the Sausalito grammar school district, to be erected at Sausalito, Marin county. The structure will cost about $60,000.

Mary B. Harrison of 2320 Seventeenth street, Sacramento, was the first Sacramentan to receive a set of the new 1926 blue and white auto license plates at the office of the motor vehicle department.

Judge William H. Waste was sworn in as chief justice of the California supreme court at a special ceremony in the courtroom in San Francisco. Supreme Justice Emmett Seawell administered the oath.

Law violators seem to be on the increase in Lodi, San Joaquin county. In 1923 there were 478 arrests, in 1924, 322, and in the year just closed 643, on which the city recorder assessed fines totaling $9,114.50.

Emanuel S. Heller, 61, vice-president of the Wells-Fargo Bank and Union Trust company, and one of the most prominent attorneys in the west, died at his home in San Francisco after an illness of two months.

A new plant, the cost yet undetermined, will be built in Modesto, Stanislaus county, soon by the Poultry Producers' Association of Central California, L. D. Thompson, manager of the local branch, has announced.

The Western Harvester company, a new subsidiary of the Caterpillar Tractor company, which opened the former Holt plant in Stockton, San Joaquin county, for operation, will reach normal manufacturing activities within thirty days.

Annexation of a rapidly growing section in the western part of the city of Stockton, San Joaquin county, is being considered by the West Side Improvement club. The territory in question is located in subdivision No. 2 of the Boggs tract.

Steps have been taken by State Surveyor General W. S. Kingsbury to exchange 50,000 acres of state school lands in federal forest reserves for a like amount of land in the reserves as a site for a state park in accordance with legislation enacted in 1923 and 1925.

For the first time in more than sixty years St. Patrick's Catholic church in Watsonville, Santa Cruz county, is out of debt, according to the Rev. Father P. J. McGrath, who is just completing his first year as pastor. In addition to wiping out the standing debt, the church has installed a pipe organ at a cost of $12,000.

California's oldest woman miner, one of the few miners, in fact, of her sex, is Mrs. Emma C. Mable, 79, of Brown Bear mine, near Deadwood, Trinity county. Mrs. Mable, an expert with the pick, shovel and drill despite her age, is working the famous gold producer of early days with her son, Curtis F. Mable.

Lodi's (San Joaquin county) postoffice passed the required $40,000 mark by $180.15 and thus gained her position in the list of first class postoffices, as is shown by the final checkup of the receipts for the year of 1925, which amounted to $2,548.34 more than the previous year, when the total was $37,631.81.

The mill owned by Enhorning and Harrison, near Susanville, Lassen county, and known as the Diamond Mountain mill, is being dismantled and moved to a stand of timber near Engel mine, in Plumas county, where the owners plan to operate this coming spring.

San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda and San Joaquin county will be delegated the function, hitherto only exercised by the state, of placing orphan babies in homes and the care and adoption of orphans in their jurisdiction, it was recently announced by the public welfare board.

Charging that Willard D. Ellis, president of the Federal Farm Loan bank at Berkeley, is cloaking certain affairs of the bank with secrecy, that the federal farm loan system is fast assuming all the characteristics of a particularly autocratic bureaucracy and declaring that access to records has been denied, George H. Sawyer, recently re-elected a director of the bank, a short time ago issued a public statement exposing the alleged conditions. Sawyer, a farmer of Waterford, Stanislaus county, and former president of a bank, hints in his statement at a plot to wrest further control away from the farmers. Sawyer declared that although farmers own 84 per cent of the stock, they have little or no voice in the affairs of the bank at Berkeley.

Nicholas Quirola, whose romantic efforts to reach California in the days of the gold rush read like a piece of melodramatic fiction, is dead in Auburn, Placer county, at the age of 91 years. He left no known relatives, so it is a puzzle as to who will get his estate amounting possibly to $25,000. Quirola was a native of Italy and was living in that county when the news came that gold had been discovered in California. He made his way to Naples, where he succeeded in stowing himself away on an outbound steamer. Arriving in New York, he succeeded in getting a job before the mast on a sailing ship bound for California around the Horn, reaching San Francisco in the fall of 1850.

Plans for the expansion of the Stockton Graham Brothers assembling plant was discussed in Detroit on January 6 between officials of the company and Robert A. Houston, plant superintendent, who is now in that city. Tentative plans for four new units, each costing approximately $50,000, have been prepared. It was planned to proceed with two of these units prior to the recent merger of the Dodge and Graham Brothers interests, but Houston now believes that authorization may be given for the construction of all four units. The addition of these units would add about 250 employees to the payroll of the company in Stockton.

A building revival in Visilia, Tulare county, has been noted for the past three months of 1925, as compared with the other nine months of the year, and would appear to indicate the approach of conditions much nearer normal than for some time. Building permits for the past three months in Visalia represented 40 per cent of the year's total, which exceeded $50,000.

An agreement for the purchase of 148 acres of the Jackson tract south of Yuba City, Sutter county, by Henry Kleinsorge and John K. Granacher from J. Allen Jackson for the sum of $52,000 has been filed for record in the office of County Recorder Flaney. The tract is orchard land, lying between the old levee and Feather river. All is reclaimed bottom land.

Every year California produces raw by-products of milk worth $1,000,000, according to Dr. J. J. Frey, bureau of dairy control, state department of agriculture, at Sacramento. After these raw materials, mostly dried casein, come into the hands of manufacturers, they are made into articles for which the consumer probably pays in the neighborhood of $10,000,000.

Arthur C. Mason, government entomologist of Lindsay, Tulare county, his wife and son, left recently for San Francisco, whence they will sail for Honolulu, where Mason will undertake a new commission for the United States department of agriculture. Mason has been studying the life history of citrus thrips and recently completed this work.

The continued lack of rain in California has retarded the buying of feeder cattle, due to the lack of grass, according to the California Cattlemen's association. The demand for feeders has been good, but unless heavy rains occur during the month of January, the supply of cattle on grass will be less than normal.

Enlargement of the Southern Pacific's service facilities during 1926, which will see the completion of its new line connecting California and Oregon through Klamath Falls and its new main line in Arizona through Phoenix, was made the subject of a New Year's message to its employees by William Sproul, president.

State Controller Ray L. Riley recently reported that the semi-annual settlement of counties with the state totaled $4,524,637.49, about $200,000 in excess of the preliminary estimates. Of the total $3,988,219.23 represented inheritance taxes collected by the counties for the state during the six months ending in December.

Plans have been completed for calling a special election in Porterville, Tulare county, February 2 for the purpose of choosing fifteen freeholders to draw up a charter form of government.

North Sacramento is experiencing one of the largest building advances in its history and for the new year there is promise of an exceptionally large number of new industries.

Modesto is riding on the crest of the wave of prosperity, according to bank clearings for 1925, which exceed those of the previous year by over $10,000,000. The total clearings for 1925 are $111,450,820. This is over $10,000,000 more than 1924, according to figures released by the Modesto Clearing House association.

Thirty members of the Merced Boys' club visited Exchequer dam and the upper works of the Merced irrigation district recently. K. L. Parker, assistant superintendent of construction, met the party and conducted the lads over the dam and works.

MOTHERHOOD

Los Angeles, Calif.—"I found Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription a splendid tonic and nervine through motherhood. I have used it repeatedly through expectancy and it has never failed in giving strength and producing restfulness to the nerves. It is a pleasurable duty to recommend it to mothers and expectant mothers as my recommendation is based on a lengthened experience in which the 'Favorite Prescription' never failed to help me through these trying times."—Mrs. D. D. Bowlin, 1418 Girard St.

Why not get this Prescription today at your neighborhood store, or write Dr. Pierce, President of the Invalids' Hotel at Buffalo, N. Y., for free advice.

SPOHN'S
Best for 30 Years for Distemper, Pink-Eye, Influenza, Laryngitis, Cataarhal Fever, Epizootic, Coughs or Colds.
For Horses, Mules & Dogs.
SPOHN MEDICAL CO. GOSHEN, IND.
DISTEMPER COMPOUND

Green's August Flower
for Constipation, Indigestion and Torpid Liver
Relieves that feeling of having eaten unwisely. 30c and 90c bottles. AT ALL DRUGGISTS.

KEEP EYES WELL!
BATHE TIRED EYES with Dr. Thompson's Eyewater.
INFLAMED EYES Use Dr. Thompson's Eyewater.
RUB YOUR EYES? Use Dr. Thompson's Eyewater.
BATHE YOUR EYES Use Dr. Thompson's Eyewater.
SAVE YOUR EYES! Dr. Isaac Thompson's EYEWATER
HELPFUL EYE WASH
1170 River, Troy, N. Y. Booklet.
Dr. Isaac Thompson's Eyewater

Cuticura Talcum
Is Soothing
For Baby's Skin
Soap, Ointment, Talcum sold everywhere.

Los Angeles' Newest - - -
Hotel Cecil
Main Street bet. 6th & 7th
700 ROOMS
300 without bath $1.50
200 with toilet $2.00
200 with private bath $2.50
GOOD GARAGE FACILITIES

His Qualification

"I hear your hired man has gone into the movies."

"Yep, got a good offer."

"What on earth kin he do in the movies?"

"He's a star at slow motion."

Indigestion produces disagreeable and sometimes alarming symptoms. Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills remove symptoms and restore digestion. 372 Pearl St., N. Y. Adv.

Did Seem Suspicious

"Your celebrated prisoner got away?"

"Yes," said the rural jailer. "When he borrowed my keys and told me somebody wanted to see me in the alley on important business, confound him, I knew he wuz up to somethin'."

Colds Fever Grippe
Be Quick—Be Sure!
Get the right remedy—the best men know. So quick, so sure that millions now employ it. The utmost in a laxative. Bromide-Quinine in ideal form. Colds stop in 24 hours, La Grippe in 3 days. The system is cleaned and toned. Nothing compares with Hill's.
Be Sure It's HILL'S CASCARA BROMIDE QUININE Price 30c
Get Red Box with portrait

PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM
Removes Dandruff-Stops Hair Falling
Restores Color and Beauty to Gray and Faded Hair
60c and $1.00 at Druggists.
Hiscox Chem. Wks., Patchogue, N.Y.

HINDERCORNS Removes Corns, Callouses, etc., stops all pain, ensures comfort to the feet, makes walking easy. 15c by mail or at Druggists. Hiscox Chemical Works, Patchogue, N. Y.

MORTON HOMELIKE REASONABLE HOSPITAL
Our expert doctors and surgeons, excellent food, and quiet surroundings bring you real health.
1055 PINE ST., SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

MUDDY, OILY SKIN
quickly improved and usually cleared entirely if properly treated with
Resinol

MRS. HELEN WAGNER SEEKS QUIET TITLE TO P. A. LAND

Mrs. Helen Wagner began suit in the superior court in San Jose Monday to quiet title to certain real property located on Bryant street, Palo Alto, against Oscar Hudson, Raine Ewell, two San Francisco attorneys and Dan Wagner, her husband against whom a divorce suit is pending.

According to Mrs. Wagner, she has been the owner of the property for a long period of time but that each of the defendants claim an interest in same without right and she asks the court to require the defendants to set forth the nature of their claims and that the interest of each be determined by the court and her title quieted and the defendants forever barred from asserting any adverse interest in the property.

Subscribe for the Recorder

PLANS FOR SUBWAYS IN PALO ALTO SUBMITTED

A plan was submitted to a committee composed of N. A. Wood, assistant engineer of the California Railroad Commission; J. F. Bixby, city engineer, and J. B. Dawson, assistant engineer of the Southern Pacific Company, whereby subway crossings for the following points be considered: At California avenue in the Mayfield district, at Churchill avenue in Southgate, at Embarcadero, near the Union High school and Palo Alto avenue, near the San Francisquito creek.

Many plans were submitted, but the engineers will have to make a careful study of the situation before coming to a decision.

Louis Taylor spent the holidays in Manteca at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Owens.

LOS ANGELES TIMES' MID-WINTER SHOWS RAPID GROWTH IN SO. CALIF.

Again the Los Angeles Times has performed its annual service to Southern California in the publication of a Midwinter Number more colorful and graphic in its pictorial representations of the Southwest than ever before.

The seven sections of thi syear's Midwinter differ from those of previous years in several marked respects: There are two beautifully printed rotogravure picture sections, the one depicting the delights of the out-of-doors, and the other conducting the reader on a remarkable tour of industrial plants in which Southern California manufactures by most modern methods practically every commodity that human beings use. The Great Southwest section classifies geographically every town and city of over 50 inhabtants in Southern California with write-ups, maps and reference tables.

The key-note of this year's Midwinter is "Forty Years of Progress," this being the fortieth anniversary of the first publication in 1886. The story of Southern California's growth during that period is presented in a manner to make even the old timers open their eyes. When one looks to Charles H. Owens's double page picture of Los Angeles in 1886 it seems scarcely credible that any city could have grown so much in less than an average human life-time.

This growth has brought to the Southwest many nationally known writers, as will be seen by glancing over the table of contents, Montague Glass, Zane Grey, Frank Spearman, H. C. Witwer, Edgar Rice Burroughs, Dr. Robert A. Milikan and others of national fame are now Southern Californians and contributors to the Midwinter Number.

Sunday evening, Captain Charles Goff of San Francisco will be the speaker at the First M. E. Church, Palo Alto. Captain Goff will speak on "Law Enforcement" and it is expected that the church will be filled to hear him. The public is invited to attend.

Let us give you an estimate on your job printing.

LET US FIGURE
On Your Next Order of
JOB PRINTING
We Have
Up-to-Date Facilities
For Turning Out First-class
Work Promptly
AND WE WILL CALL ON YOU
GIVE US A TRIAL
Menlo Park Recorder
PHONE PALO ALTO 268-J

A CENTURY of AMERICAN ART

"NARCISSUS," BY ADOLPH A. WEINMAN, N.A.

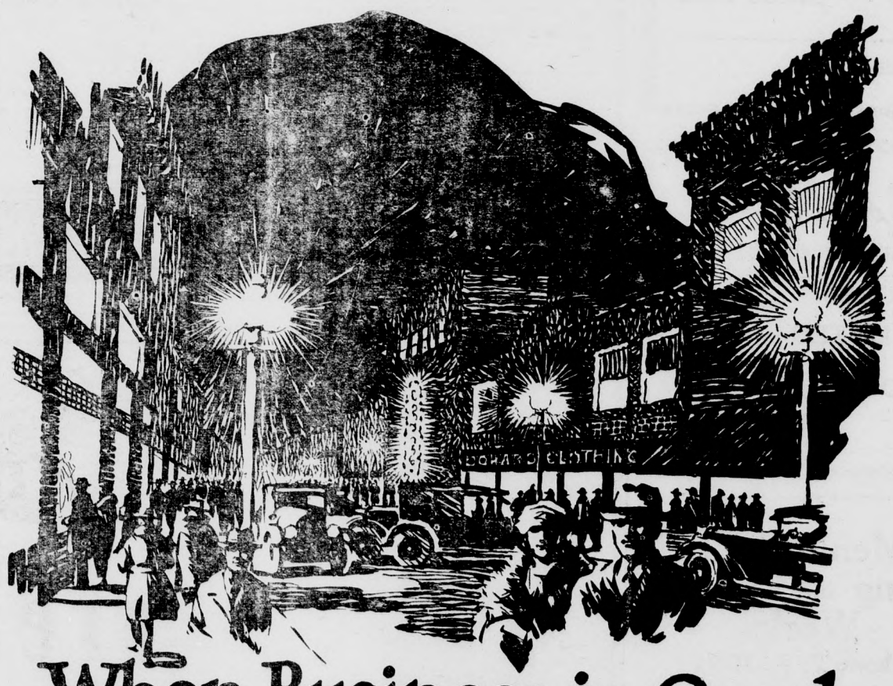
One of the Exhibits in the Centennial Exhibition of the National Academy of Design to be held at The Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, October 17 to November 15, and at the Grand Central Art Galleries, New York City, December 1 to January 5.

A COLLECTION of the masterpieces of American sculpture for the last 100 years will reward art lovers at the great Centennial Exhibition of the National Academy of Design which will be opened by President Coolidge at the Corcoran Gallery of Art, in Washington, on October 17th.

Adolph A. Weinman, of New York, creator of the Lincoln Memorials at Hodgenville, Ky., (Lincoln's birthplace), and Madison, Wis., is one of the distinguished contributors to the Centennial Exhibition, which will comprise the best in American painting, sculpture, architecture and engraving since 1825. Insurance alone on the huge collection will total more than $2,000,000.

LAMPS
Have you tried the new Inside Frost Lamps?
If not step in and we will gladly show them to you.
Safety Electric Works
L. H. COOK, Proprietor
Phone Palo Alto 2151 Highway, Menlo Park

CLEARANCE SALE
ODDS AND ENDS
COMFORTERS, $2.95 and $3.35
ODD CHAIRS, $1.45
CLIPPER EDGE COUCH, $12.75
TABLE VICTROLA, $15
200 ODD PIECES, 20c each--Etc., Etc.
F. J. FURNIVALL
Highway, Menlo Park, Phone Menlo Park 2651
New Furniture Exchanged for Used
Furniture Taken in Payment for Radios



When Business is Good

SATURDAY night is a mighty good time to ask yourself this question: "Is our community sending more money out of town than is coming in each week?" Of course the only safe answer is "NO!"

This means that we folks in this neighborhood must patronize local supply men and merchants if we expect our town to prosper and "stay on the map."

Frankly, it means that every citizen will find it most profitable to read the advertisements in this paper every issue, and to follow their good advice.

Our advertisers are all personally interested in this town—and in YOU. They are helping you build a better home community. When business is good, their profits are being shared with you in an endless chain of co-operative betterment.

Read the Ads in this Paper
and save yourself money by trading at home

Report of deposits of THE BANK OF PALO ALTO at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1925.

The deposits shown in this report will include deposits due to banks, individual deposits, state, county and municipal deposits, and United States and Postal Savings deposits. For purposes of proof the deposits in the principal place of business must be shown in addition to the deposits in each city or locality in which a branch office or offices are maintained. The totals must agree with the total items 26, 27, 28 and 29 in called report of even date.

CITY OR LOCALITY	COMMERCIAL DEPOSITS	SAVINGS DEPOSITS	TOTAL DEPOSITS
Menlo Park	$ 43,762.22	$ 17,296.40	$ 61,058.62
Palo Alto	1,509,235.49	1,902,771.97	3,412,007.46
Total	$1,552,997.71	$1,920,068.37	$3,473,066.08

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
)ss.
County of Santa Clara)

Chas. D. Marx, Vice-President and H. F. Congdon, secretary (cashier) of THE BANK OF PALO ALTO, Palo Alto, Cal., being duly sworn, each for himself, says he has a personal knowledge of the matters contained in the foregoing report, and that every allegation, statement, matter and thing therein contained, is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

CHAS. D. MARX, Vice-President
H. F. CONGDON, secretary (cashier).

Severally subscribed and sworn to before me by both deponents, the 8th day of January, 1926.

FREDERICK SCHNEIDER,
Notary Public in and for the County of Santa Clara, State of California.
Name of Bank THE BANK OF PALO ALTO, Palo Alto, Cal.

No. of Bank 180

POET WOULD GIVE IMPOLITE TELEPHONE USERS THE GATE

Writing in a recent issue of Printers' Ink, Strickland Gillilan, poet and humorist, says that if he were a business man—which he is not—the first person that he would fire would be the fellow who answers the telephone with a surly "Hello."

Mr. Gillilan points out that many firms do not realize how much business they lose as a result of gruff replies to polite questions made over the telephone. The customer who feels that he has annoyed a firm by attempting to deal with it will cease to be a customer, while, on the other hand there is a way of putting a warm welcome into the telephone-answering voice so as to make the customer feel glad that he has called. The voice that answers the telephone call may belong simply to an employe, but to the caller it is the voice of the firm.

HARROD JUBILEE SINGERS AT MAYFIELD CHURCH

Wednesday evening the Harrod Jubilee singers will give a concert at the College avenue Methodist Episcopal Church in Mayfield.

It is expected that the auditorium will be filled to capacity to hear this well known aggregation who are touring the country giving concerts in the principal cities.

Archie Harrod, director of the group, has had an interesting career. At one time he was a caddie to Taft. But another connection with a man in public life has more to do with Harrod's professional life. When Champ Clark was speaker of the house, young Harrod ran his errands. Clark took a liking to the youth, and discerning his vocal ability, educated him in a Boston conservatory.

Harrod has since studied in Europe, as has his other singers, who will give a mixed concert Wednesday evening, bringing in song the old river and plantation melodies, revival hymns and famous negro spirituals.

No admission fee is being charged but an offering will be taken up to defray expenses. The public is invited to attend.

Southern Women Educators

Miss Lucy Cross and Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen.

Miss Lucy Cross, (above), beloved 86-year-old teacher of Daytona Beach, who brought about the establishment of Rollins College at Winter Park, Fla., some forty years ago. She was honored on her birthday by a "check shower" to raise funds, now assured, for a $100,000 Cross Science Hall at Rollins College of which Mr. Hamilton Holt, former editor of the "Independent" is president. In earlier days Miss Cross taught at Vassar and Wellesley.

Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen, (below), vice-president of the University of Miami and daughter of the late William Jennings Bryan and Mrs. Bryan. "The new university is 'thinking big'," says Mrs. Owen. "It is seeing in terms of a great institution from the beginning. Its object is to give the youth of its region a coeducational, non-sectarian university, embodying all that is comprised in a higher educational opportunity, with special advantages in art and music."

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Oak Grove Avenue, between Railroad and Laurel Avenue

8 a. m. Early Celebration.
9:30 a. m. Church school.
10:30 a. m. Morning Prayer and Sermon.
7:30 Evening Service.

Monday evening Trinity Men's Club will meet at the Parish House.

Rev. Ralph Smith, rector, residence Ravenswood and Laurel avenues. Phone, Palo Alto 1631-J.

MENLO PARK RECORDER

L. E. HARRIS ..... Editor

Published every Saturday at Menlo Park, San Mateo County, California

Entered as second-class mail matter, Act of October 3, 1917, Section 1104, at the Postoffice at Menlo Park, California.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Three Months.....75c Six Months.....$1.00 One Year.....$1.75

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 1926

HONESTY AND INTEGRITY BRING SUCCESS

President Walter S. Gifford of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, says that one of the reasons why there has been a bettering of business ethics among big corporations is that they have learned that in the long run scrupulous honesty and integrity are the best rules of success. While big business has been straining to earn popular approval, the country generally has gradually been laying aside the assumption that big business was bad merely because it was big. Large business units have been able to effect great economies in production, and these have been passed on to the ultimate purchaser. In the long run, therefore, big business is seen not as a menace but as an important factor in improving the average standard of living.

ELECTRICAL DEVELOPMENT TO CONTINUE

There are many reasons to believe that 1926 will see a continuance of the steady growth and development of the electric industry, declares S. Z. Mitchell, president of the Electric Bond and Share Company. He says:

"The year just ended has established new records in the amount of electricity generated and used in the United States, in the amount of capital invested, and in the diversity of the uses to which electric power may be put.

Industry is coming more and more to depend upon central stations for power, thousands of new residences have been wired for electricity and the advent of the electric refrigerator and numerous other domestic conveniences has swelled the aggregate demand upon the central stations. During 1925 the United States generated 12 per cent more electricity than during 1924.

Most important of all, the public has become convinced of the stability of electric securities under state regulation, and this public confidence has been reflected in the ability of the industry to secure the capital needed for proper development of the country's power facilities."

SAVE THE OLD ROADS

Twenty-three thousand miles of highway were built to grade, or surfaced on state systems in 1924, according to Bureau of Public Roads of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

It estimates that approximately half of the 251,610 miles of roads embraced in the state highway systems were surfaced at the beginning of 1925, and that more than 17,000 miles were surfaced with some form of covering from sand, clay and gravel to sheet asphalt, asphaltic concrete and cement concrete during the single year of 1924.

With new surveys being added to the state systems yearly and with maintenance bills mounting on our present road systems, it is highly essential that old macadam and gravel roads be salvaged by applying a waterproof surface which will utilize the material already compacted by years of travel.

Michigan has successfully saved some of its main traveled gravel highways by applying an asphaltic wearing surface which can be built up as time and traffic conditions require, thus saving practically the whole road investment.

With thousands of miles of road to pave, it is essential that economy and efficiency in construction be the watchword.

YOU SHOULD WORRY

A misguided newspaper editor in the East not long ago advised his readers never to worry when they heard of a fire occurring because the insurance companies are well able to pay their losses.

It should be realized by everyone that all property destroyed by flames is a definite loss to society, that insurance companies can only pay their claims from premiums collected from the public and, furthermore, that high losses make high rates. Consequently, everyone should worry when fire breaks out because everyone pays the bill, either directly or indirectly, whether insured or uninsured.

This should be obvious since fire premiums, like taxes, are part of the overhead of every business—whether it be baking or candlestick making—and must be added to the price of merchandise.

What does this editor say when fire destroys a large factory supplying the chief means of livelihood for a whole town and throws thousands of people out of work? Does he advise the operatives not to worry about their food and rent while waiting wageless for the factory to be rebuilt, but to place ruby lenses in their spectacles and join the Pollyannas? Probably not, yet such conditions are among the results of fire, witnessed not rarely, but with regrettable frequency.

Last, but not least, fire causes thousands of terrible, disfiguring injuries and much loss of life.

Make your home-town paper better by sending orphoning items of interest. Office just off the Highway on Oak Grove avenue, phone 268-J

STOP PAYING RENT

If it is a good investment for your landlord to collect rent from you, why not get in his class and pay your money on your own home.

Let us talk it over and show you our Plan Books and Service.

Advance Lumber Co.

JOHN VOLLMER, Manager

PHONES Day M. P. 2291. Nigh M. P. 1614

Highway and Ravenswood Ave. Menlo Park

ANY MAN can please himself in footwear here. Shoes for business, shoes for dress and for all occasions, of correct and shapely styles of the best leathers, and carefully made by the best makers. We invite your inspection of our new and large stock of shoes.

MENLO SHOE STORE

E. J. McLOUGHLIN, Prop.

Highway Menlo Park

OPEN TILL 9 P. M. SATURDAYS

FRANK E. CAINE

Real Estate and Insurance

THE BEST PROPERTIES ON THE PENINSULA LISTED

PHONE PALO ALTO 2011

On the Highway Menlo Park

Menlo Park Dyeing and Cleaning Works

Phone P. A. 1008

WE CALL FOR AND DELIVER WORK

ALL WORK GUARANTEED AND PRICES ARE REASONABLE

Highway - Menlo Park, Cal.

"SET"

THE BALL GAME OF THE CENTURY

A real children's game--trains to nimbleness. Nothing rough; barrels of fun.

Rules and Plan, 25c

"Red" Poppy Manufacturing Co.

P. O. Box 777 Palo Alto, Calif.

The New Stanford THEATRE

University Avenue Phone Palo Alto 40

WEEK OF JANUARY 17th

ONE DAY ONLY—SUNDAY—ONE DAY ONLY

POLA NEGRI in

"A WOMAN OF THE WORLD"

At last! POLA NEGRI in a modern American romance. A vital modern love-drama, packed with dazzle and comedy as well as romance and emotional strength.

Comedy—BEN TURPIN in "YUKON JAKE" NEWS

NOVELTY

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 19, 20

HERE IS A REAL SHOW—TWO BIG FEATURES

—ON THE SCREEN—

James M. Barrie's "A KISS FOR CINDERELLA"

With BETTY BRONSON, TOM MOORE and ESTHER RALSTON

A picture you'll love to cherish in your heart forever. See miracles performed before your very eyes. Mice become horses! A pumpkin, a golden carriage!

Comedy, "HIS OWN LAWYER" "Pencil, Brush and Chisel"

—ON THE STAGE—

12—PORTIA MANSFIELD DANCERS—12

In their vivid and colorful dance concert—Embodying—

MUSIC VISUALIZATIONS OF FAMOUS COMPOSITIONS

Featuring JEANNE FULLER with HAROLD AMES

ALICE MICKEY, ERMA CHASE and VIRGINIA MANSFIELD

GORGEOUS COSTUMES—Unusual Lighting Effects

THREE TIMES DAILY—2:30, 7:00 and 9:00 p. m.

Admission 50 cents Children 25 cents

Every Thursday Night

TWO SHOWS at 7 and 9 p. m.

FIVE BIG ACTS OF VAUDEVILLE and FEATURE PICTURE

ART & LEONE REVUE with LOUIS PALAZI in a Medley of Music and Dance

MANTILLA & FLYNN emulating "SENSE and NONSENSE"

YAMAMOTO DUO, that Versatile Japanese Pair

TWO DAVEYS—Novelty Comedy Jugglers

CREIGHTON & BYRON in "Ain't She Dumb" by WILL CRESSY

—ON THE SCREEN—

"WHEN HUSBAND'S FLIRT"

ADMISSION 50c CHILDREN 25c

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 and 23

Richard Dix in "Woman Handled"

The same frisky, hilarious humor that made "Manhandled" so enjoyable is present in even more generous quantities in the latest Dix Picture.

Educational Comedy—"OH, TEACHER!"

PATHE NEWS TOPICS

Coming—"THE AMERICAN VENUS with Fay Lamphier (Miss California.

SMOKING PERMITTED IN BALCONY

A New '6'

$895 here!

Absolute riding comfort in this new Six, with 90 inches of Semi-Elliptic Springs for the 107 inch wheel base! Big, full, cushion Balloon Tires and the genuine Spanish leather upholstery.

THESE GREAT FEATURES:

Continental Red Seal Motor; Bendix Four Wheel Brakes; Heavy Drop Frame; Force Feed Lubrication.

ON DISPLAY

Saturday Evening, Jan. 16

Palo Alto Garage

P. MIEBACH (14), Prop.

440 Emerson Street Phone 575

Phone your news items to the RECORDER, they will be gratefuly received. Help us make your home town paper better. PHONE PALO ALTO 268-J.

TRY OUR WANT ADS. IT WILL PAY YOU.

They Get Results

3 handy packs for 5¢

WRIGLEYS P.K.
NEW HANDY PACK
Fits hand ~ pocket and purse
More for your money and the best Peppermint Chewing Sweet for any money
Look for Wrigley's P. K. Handy Pack on your Dealer's Counter G7

A good intention clothes itself with sudden power.—Emerson.

flavor and no mistake!
You can't mistake the *flavor* of Flapjacks! No other hot cakes have it. Because no other hot cake flour is blended the Flapjack way!

"Albers stands for Better Breakfasts"

Garfield Tea
Was Your Grandmother's Remedy

For every stomach and intestinal ill. This good old-fashioned herb home remedy for constipation, stomach ills and other derangements of the system so prevalent these days is in even greater favor as a family medicine than in your grandmother's day.

Coughs—Colds!
Break up with Musterole. The oil of mustard gives quick relief. Massage in gently with your fingers.
MUSTEROLE
WILL NOT BLISTER
Better than a Mustard Plaster

The Electric Handle Heats Water in a Tin can; shockproof; 1 yr. guar.; 300 w. $2.90; 450 w. $3.30; 120 volt prepaid or C. O. D. Fossala Co., 750 Fifth Ave., San Francisco.

Before Patenting, Convince Mfrs.; our plan protecting, marketing improvements brings cash. Patent Enterprises, 279 Bdwy., N. Y.

Dickey's OLD RELIABLE Eye Water relieves sun and wind-burned eyes. Doesn't hurt. Genuine in Red Folding Box. 25c at all druggists or by mail. DICKEY DRUG CO., Bristol, Va.-Tenn.

Rarely Served

Diner—How did you happen to bring me such a delicious tender steak, waiter?

Waiter—Why, sir, it was a rare steak you ordered, wasn't it?

DEMAND "BAYER" ASPIRIN

Aspirin Marked With "Bayer Cross" Has Been Proved Safe by Millions.

Warning! Unless you see the name "Bayer" on package or on tablets you are not getting the genuine Bayer Aspirin proved safe by millions and prescribed by physicians for 25 years.

Say "Bayer" when you buy Aspirin. Imitations may prove dangerous.—Adv.

Many a dangerous temptation comes to us in fine, gay colors that are but skin deep.—Henry.

Sure Relief

BELL-ANS Hot water Sure Relief
BELL-ANS FOR INDIGESTION
25¢ and 75¢ Pkg's. Sold Everywhere

W. N. U., San Francisco, No. 3--1926.

The BLACK GANG

By CYRIL NcNEILE
SAPPER

Copyright by GEORGE H. DORAN CO.
W. N. U. Service

CHAPTER XV—Continued

—23—

"Never farther from it in my life, Haverton," said the other. "I admit it seems a bit over the odds, but every word I've told you is gospel. To return to the discoveries. McIver found that the house was the headquarters of a vast criminal organization. There were schemes of the most fantastic descriptions cut and dried in every detail. Some of them were stupid: some were not. I have them all here. This one"—he glanced through some papers on his desk—"concerns the blowing of a large gap in one of the retaining walls of the big reservoir at Staines. This one concerns a perfectly-thought-out plot on your life when you go to Beauchamp hall next week. You were to be found dead in your railway carriage."

"What?" roared Sir John, springing to his feet.

"It would very likely have failed," said Sir Bryan calmly, "but they would have tried again. They don't like you or your views at all—these gentlemen. But those are the least important. From time immemorial wild, fanatical youths have done similar things: the danger was far greater and more subtle. And perhaps the most dangerous activity of all was what I have spoken about already—Maybrick hall was the headquarters of these poisonous proletarian Sunday schools. But in addition to that there was forgery going on there on a big scale: money is necessary for their activities. There were also long lists of their agents in different parts of the country, and detailed instructions for fomenting industrial unrest. But you have it all there—you can read it at your leisure for yourself. Particularly I commend to your notice, the series of pamphlets on Ireland, and the methods suggested for promoting discord between England and France, and England and America."

Sir Bryan lit a cigarette.

"To return to the personal side of it, McIver, engrossed in his search, paid very little attention to the row of mummies in the hall. They certainly seemed extraordinarily safe, and one can hardly blame him. But the fact remains that, at some period during the morning, the Italian, who, if you remember, was padlocked in a bedroom upstairs, escaped. How I can't tell you: he must have had a key in his pocket. They found the padlock open, and the room empty. And going downstairs they found the chairs recently occupied by the clergyman and Miss Janet empty also. Moreover from that moment no trace of any of them has been found. It is as if the earth had opened and swallowed them. Which brings us to the packet enclosed with the letter from the leader of the Black Gang."

He crossed to a safe and took out the little chamois leather bag of diamonds.

"Nice stones," he remarked quietly. "Worth literally a king's ransom. The pink one is part of the Russian crown jewels: the remainder belonged to the Grand Duke Georgius, who was murdered by the Bolshevists. His son, who had these in his possession, died ten days ago of an overdose of a sleeping draught in Amsterdam. At least that is what I understood until I received these. Now I am not so sure. I would go further, and say I am quite sure that even if he did die of an overdose, it was administered by someone else. And it was administered by the beneficent clergyman calling himself the Reverend Theodosius Longmoor—the most amazing international criminal of this or any other age—the man who, with Miss Janet and the Italian, has vanished into thin air, right under McIver's nose."

"And you mean to say this man has been in England and you haven't laid him by the heels?" said Sir John incredulously.

"Unfortunately that is what I mean," answered the other. "The police of four continents know about him, but that's a very different thing from proof. This time we have proof—these diamonds: and the man has vanished—utterly and completely. He is the master mind who controls and directs, but very rarely actually does anything himself. That's why he's so devilishly difficult to catch. But we'll do it sooner or later."

The cabinet minister was once more studying the typewritten communication from the leader of the Black Gang.

"It's the most astounding affair, this, Johnstone," he said at length. "Most astounding. And what's all this about the island off the coast of Mull?"

Sir Bryan laughed.

"Not the least astounding part of the whole show, I assure you. But for you to understand it better I must go back two or three months, to the time when we first became aware of the existence of the Black Gang. A series of very strange disappearances were taking place: men were being spirited away, without leaving a trace behind them. Of course we knew about it, but in view of the fact that our assistance was never asked to find them, and still more in view of the fact that in every case they were people whose room we preferred to their company, we lay low and said nothing.

"From unofficial inquiries I had carried out we came to the conclusion that this mysterious Black Gang was a reality, and that, further, it was intimately connected with these disappearances. But we also came to the conclusion that the ideals and objects of this gang were in every way desirable. Such a thing, of course, could not be admitted officially: the abduction of anyone is a criminal offense. But we came to the conclusion that the Black Gang was undoubtedly an extremely powerful and ably led organization whose object was simply and solely to fight the Red element in England. The means they adopted were undoubtedly illegal—but the results were excellent. Whenever a man appeared preaching Bolshevism, after a few days he simply disappeared. In short, a reign of terror was established amongst the terrorists. And it was to put that right I have no doubt that the Reverend Theodosius Longmoor arrived in this country."

Sir Bryan thoughtfully lit another cigarette.

"To return to the island. McIver went there, and after some little difficulty located it, out of the twenty or thirty to which the description might apply. He found it far from uninhabited, just as that letter says. He found it occupied by some fifty or sixty rabid anarchists—the gentlemen who had so mysteriously disappeared—who were presided over by twenty large demobilized soldiers commanded by an ex-sergeant-major of the Guards. The sixty frenzied anarchists, he gathered, were running a state on communist lines, as interpreted by the ex-sergeant-major. And the interpretation moved even McIver to tears of laughter. It appeared that once every three hours they were all drawn up in a row, and the sergeant-major, with a voice like a bull, would bellow:

"'Should the ruling classes have money?'

"Then they answered in unison—'No.'

"'Should anyone have money?' Again they answered 'No.'

"'Should everyone work for the common good for love?' 'Yes.'

"Whereat he would roar: 'Well, in this 'ere island there ain't no ruling classes, and there ain't no money, and there's dam' little love, so go and plant more potatoes, you lop-eared sons of Beelzebub.'

"At which point the parade broke up in disorder."

Sir John was shaking helplessly.

"This is a jest, Johnstone. You're joking."

"I'm not," answered the other. "But I think you'll admit that the man who started the whole show—the leader of the Black Gang—is a humorist, to put it mildly, who cannot well be spared."

"My dear fellow, the cabinet is the only place for him. If only he'd export two or three of my colleagues to this island and let 'em plant potatoes I'd take off my hat to him. Tell me—do I know him?"

Sir Bryan smiled.

"I'm not certain: you may. But the point, Haverton, is this. We must take cognizance of the whole thing, if we acknowledge it at all. Therefore shall we assume that everything I have been telling you is a fairy story: that the Black Gang is non-existent—I may say that it will be shortly—and that what has already appeared in the papers is just a hoax by some irresponsible person? Unless we do that there will be a cause celebre fought out on class prejudice—a most injudicious thing at the present moment. I may say that the island is shut down, and the sixty pioneers have departed to other countries. Also quite a number of those agents whose names are on the list you have have left our shores during the past few days. It is merely up to us to see that they don't come back. But nothing has come out in the papers: and I don't want anything to come out either."

He paused suddenly, as a cheerful voice was heard in the office outside.

"Ah! here is one Captain Drummond, whom I asked to come round this morning," he continued, with a faint smile. "I wonder if you know him."

"Drummond?" repeated the other. "Is he a vast fellow with an ugly face?"

"That's the man," said Sir Bryan.

"I've seen him at his aunt's—old Lady Meltrose. She says he's the biggest fool in London."

Sir Bryan's smile grew more pronounced as the door opened and Hugh came in.

"Morning, Tum-tum," he boomed genially. "How's the liver and all that?"

"Morning, Hugh. Do you know Sir John Haverton?"

"Morning, Sir John. Jolly old cabinet merry and bright? Or did you all go down on Purple Polly at Goodwood yesterday?"

Sir John rose a little grimly.

"We have other things to do besides backing horses, Captain Drummond. I think we have met at Lady Meltrose's house, haven't we?"

"More than likely," said Hugh affably. "I don't often dine there: she ropes in such a ghastly crowd of bores, don't you know."

"I feel sure, Captain Drummond, that you're an admirable judge." Sir John turned to Sir Bryan Johnstone and held out his hand. "Well, I must be off. Good-morning, Johnstone—and you've thoroughly roused my curiosity. I'd very much like to know who the gentleman is whom we've been discussing. And in the meantime I'll look through these papers and let you know my decision in due course."

He bustled out of the office, and Hugh sank into a chair with a sigh of relief.

"The old boy's clothes seem full of body this morning, Tum-tum," he remarked as the door closed. "Indigestion—or don't the elastic-sided boots fit?"

"Do you know what we have been discussing, Hugh?" said the other quietly.

"Not an earthly, old man. Was it that new one about the girl in the grocer's shop?"

"We've been discussing the leader of the Black Gang," said Sir Bryan with his eyes fixed on the man sprawling in the chair opposite.

Not by the twitch of a muscle did Drummond's face change: he seemed engrossed in the task of selecting a cigarette.

"You've been in Deauville, haven't you, Hugh—the last few days?"

"Quite right, old man. All among the fairies."

"You don't know that a burglary has taken place at your house in London?"

"A burglary!" Drummond sat up with a jerk. "Why the deuce hasn't Denny told me?"

"A very small one," said Sir Bryan, "committed by myself, and perhaps he doesn't know. I took—your typewriter."

For a few moments Hugh Drummond stared at him in silence; then his lips began to twitch.

"I see," he said at length. "I meant to have that defective 's' repaired."

"You took me in, old boy," continued Sir Bryan, "utterly and absolutely. If it hadn't been for one of the men at Maybrick hall turning king's evidence, I don't believe I should have found out now."

"Well, what are you going to do about it?" asked Drummond after a pause.

"Nothing. I was discussing the matter with Sir John this morning, and we both agreed that you either deserved penal servitude or a seat in the cabinet. And since neither course commends itself to us, we have decided to do nothing. There are reasons, which you will appreciate, against any publicity at the moment. But, Hugh, the Black Gang must cease."

"Carried, nem. con., Tum-tum. It shall automatically dissolve today. Now, one for you. Why did you let Carl Peterson escape? I nearly killed him that night, after I'd bayoneted the Russian."

"How did you know he had escaped?" demanded Sir Bryan.

Hugh felt in his pocket and produced a note.

"Read it," he said, passing it across the desk.

"It was a pity you forgot that there might be another key to the padlock, Captain Drummond," it ran. "And Giuseppi is an old friend of mine. I quite enjoyed our single."

Sir Bryan returned the note without a word, and Drummond replaced it in his pocket.

He rose and grinned at his friend.

"It's deuced good of you, old man, and all that . . ." The eyes of the two men met.

"If it was found out, I should be looking for another job," remarked Sir Bryan dryly. "And perhaps I should not get the two thousand pounds which I understand the widow of the late Ginger Martin has received anonymously."

"Shut up," said Drummond awkwardly.

"Delighted, old man," returned the other. "But the police in that district are demanding a rise of pay. She has been drunk and disorderly five times in the last week."

[THE END.]

Bare-Headed

Robert had accompanied his mother and father to church. On the seat in front of them sat a woman holding a tiny "bald-headed" baby.

Robert watched the little head bobbing around with great fascination then pulling mother down to the level of his mouth, he whispered in awe struck tones:

"Mother, was I bare-headed like that all the time when I was a baby?"

Presidents' Married Lives

The Presidents of the United States who lived a married life of 50 years or more were John Adams and John Quincy Adams. The former was married in 1764 and Mrs. Adams died in 1818. He died in 1826. John Quincy Adams was married in 1797. His wife died in 1852 and he in 1848. We find no record that the golden wedding anniversaries were formally celebrated.

$7.75

THINK OF THIS!

Seven pieces of beautiful, rich, brown reed furniture—just now so much in vogue—at little more than half what you would pay for equal quality at a furniture store.

Thousands of Satisfied Customers

Only by selling direct to you can we make this sensational offer! For a limited time only! Thousands have bought this remarkable value and everyone has been thoroughly satisfied. Each piece is as near perfection as the finest of reed and the work of skilled artisans can make it. Compare this set with any other you may have seen.

You cannot buy this high grade value in furniture anywhere, at such an attractive price, or so conveniently. Order it now; fill out and mail the coupon at once. Begin enjoying this modish and attractive set.

A $100 Value for $59.75
TERMS: $6.50 per Month.
1. Rocker
2. Chair
3. Settee
4. Library Table (18x36x28 inches)
5. Writing Desk (18x30x28 inches)
6. Desk Chair
7. Fernery
Prices on other finishes and separate pieces quoted on request.
Just the thing for Living Room, Mountain Cabin, Beach Cabin, Sun Parlor, Closed-in Porch, Office or Den
Responsible Representatives wanted in every community

Mail Coupon Now
THE RATTAN WORKS,
No. 128 Bebout Bldg., Santa Barbara, California.
Send me the 7-Piece Wicker Set, for which I enclose $7.75 as the first payment, and I further agree to promptly remit $6.50 each month on the unpaid balance, title to remain with you until all the deferred payments have been made.
Name.....
Address.....
City..... State.....

No Hurry

Betty—Hurry up, or we'll be late to Sunday school.

Bobby—Well, God is eternal.—Life.

Cuticura Soothes Itching Scalp.
On retiring gently rub spots of dandruff and itching with Cuticura Ointment. Next morning shampoo with Cuticura Soap and hot water. Make them your everyday toilet preparations and have a clear skin and soft, white hands.—Advertisement.

Prudence is the knowledge of things to be sought and those to be shunned. —Cicero.

The first principle of business is that you cannot spend the same dollar bill twice.

They Catch Them First

Charles Stuart, clerk in Superior court, room 5, took his young son to the country for a visit with relatives. On his return the boy was overheard relating some of the wonders of rural life and among other observations was this one: "Out in the country they don't swat the flies like we do in the city. They just catch them and put them on paper."—Indianapolis News.

Stop the Pain.
The hurt of a burn or a cut stops when Cole's Carbolisalve is applied. It heals quickly without scars. 30c and 60c by all druggists, or send 30c to The J. W. Cole Co., 127 S. Euclid Ave., Oak Park, Ill.—Advertisement.

Kind words never die—and the other kind live forever.

FOR Lumbago

ASPIRIN
Proved safe by millions and prescribed by physicians for
Lumbago Colds Neuritis Neuralgia
Headache Pain Toothache Rheumatism
DOES NOT AFFECT THE HEART
Safe — Accept only "Bayer" package which contains proven directions.
Handy "Bayer" boxes of 12 tablets
Also bottles of 24 and 100—Druggists.
Aspirin is the trade mark of Bayer Manufacture of Monoaceticacidester of Salicylicacid

Not of Criminal Bent

Strange as it may seem, some of the Australia are proud to claim descent from the convicts who were the first settlers in that land. In explanation, it is to be borne in mind that a large proportion of the convicts transported to Australia in the early days were not what we should now call criminals. Many were convicted of quite petty offenses, and some were mere children.

"Yep, got a good ocer."

The Complete Course

First Man—Ever been married?

Second Man—Yes. Been through it all, from courtship to courthouse.

If your eyes smart or feel scalded, Roman Eye Balsam, applied on going to bed, will relieve them by morning. Adv.

Crackers and biscuits, so common to most homes, are so important that nine countries are vieing for the markets of the world.

Children Cry for

Fletcher's CASTORIA

MOTHER:— Fletcher's Castoria is especially prepared to relieve Infants in arms and Children all ages of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic and Diarrhea; allaying Feverishness arising therefrom, and, by regulating the Stomach and Bowels, aids the assimilation of Food; giving healthy and natural sleep.

To avoid imitations, always look for the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher
Absolutely Harmless—No Opiates. Physicians everywhere recommend it.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Mrs. Frank Bracesco and daughter, Miss Mildred Bracesco were San Jose visitors Wednesday.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Garland have been confined to the house this week with bad colds.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Belcourt who recently sold their home in Mayfield expect to move to Menlo Park soon where they will reside with the latter's mother, Mrs. John Bullna.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Evans of Oakland are now occupying the D. B. Hampton home on Roble Ave. Mr. Evans is now in the employ of L. H. Cook of the Safety Electric Works.

Saturday will be the last day of the big clearance sale at Mendenhalls in Palo Alto and those who have not stocked up on household linens for the coming year at the reduced prices are urged to do so before the sale closes.

Miss Ida Kimball who has resided in Menlo Heights for the past two years has moved to Lewis road and Oregon avenue in South Palo Alto. Her cousin, George Shots of Antioch has been here this week assisting with the work.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wilson of this city were recent visitors at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Eugene Bessac of Riverbank.

RAY SMITH GOES TO SAN DIEGO FOR CONVENTION

Ray W. Smith, secretary of the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce, left Tuesday for San Diego to attend the annual convention of Chamber of Commerce secretaries of California. Mr. Smith is a member of the advisory counil of the organization and will seek active support for the secretaries's summer school at Stanford University.

PALO ALTO COTTAGE WILL COST $6660

According to the terms of a builder's contract filed for record with County Recorder D. J. Flannery on Wednesday, Osborne and Knight, contractors, will erect a duplex cottage and garage for Elizabeth M. Johnson on Palo Alto avenue at Hanover street in the city of Palo Alto and when completed the cost will be $6660.

Another contract filed for record on the same date recites that G. A. and Nathilde D. G. Shiel, owners, engaged Harry W. Arnold, builder, to erect a residence and garage on lot 13 in block E of the Southgate tract which will cost $4760 when completed.

QUALITY and SERVICE
Meats and Groceries
AT
Sun-Kist Market
University and Emerson Street
Big Special
FOR SATURDAY
FRESH DRESSED CHICKENS
PROMPT ATTENTION TO PHONE ORDERS. WE DELIVER.
Just Call P. A. 1616 or 1617

Phone Redwood 339-J
James Crow Co.
Oldest Funeral Parlors in San Mateo County.
Funeral Directors and Embalmers
Home-like Parlors and
W. A. CROWELL
Deputy Coroner
San Mateo County, Calif.
Redwood City, California

F. J. FURNIVALL
Auctioneer and Appraiser
Phone M. P. 2651
Highway Menlo Park

Phone Palo Alto 1322
The SULLIVAN AUTO CO.
RAY A. SMITH, Gen. Mgr.
CHEVROLET AUTOMOBILES
Authorized Sales and Service
328 University Ave. Palo Alto

Menlo Theatre
PERFORMANCE STARTS 7:45
Country Store
EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT PRESENTS FUN

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16
"ON THE STROKE OF THREE"
Starring KENNETH HARLAN
"EASY PICKINGS"—Comedy

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17
"THE MAGIC LAMP"
with LEATRICE JOY and ADOLPHE MENJOU
"THE MAGIC LAMP"—Cartoon
KINOGRAMS NEWS REEL

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21
"WILDFIRE"
A GREAT HORSE PICTURE
"SECRET SERVICE SANDERS"
"SKY HOOKS"—Comedy

NATIONAL RADIO FADING TESTS TO BEGIN FEB. 9

Dates for the National tests of radio reception to determine causes of static and fading were announced this week after 4,000 of the 4,500 designated observation stations had expressed a willingness to take part in the survey, which is being conducted by the Stewart-Warner Speedometer Corporation in cooperation with the Northwestern University. The first test will be held on the night of February 9th from 8 to 11 o'clock, central standard time. The second and third will be on the two succeeding nights at the same hours. Subsequent trials will be held throughout the winter, should the data obtained indicate that real progress in a search for the causes of these two major radio annoyances is possible.

It was originally planned to hold these tests in January, but owing to the international tests scheduled for that month it was decided to hold the fading and static tests at a later date.

Most of the observations will be made by broadcast listeners using standard receiving sets and depending for the accuracy of their reports upon their own ears. However, to insure the scientific accuracy of the result, twenty control stations equipped with electrical measuring devices and automatic recorders will be placed in the principal broadcasting centers of the country.

COMMENT ON THE WORST NEWS ITEM WE SAW THIS PAST WEEK

The pastor of the Chelsea Methodist Episcopal Church in New York City told his congregation that the church should take a lesson from jazz and supplant its "high-priced quartets singing over the heads of their congregations" with music that "thrills and rests the weary."

Why not suggest that the congregation march into church to the Charleston step, the writhing that according to a certain physician affects the heart and causes broken arches?

Why not suggest that the congregation say their prayers with cross word puzzles?—in fact, let them lisiten to a jazz-music sermon over the radio while doing the Charleston around the spreading dining-room table? What's next?

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.
Preaching services at 11:00 a. m.
Christian Endeavor Society meets at 7:00 p. m.
The church is located on Santa Cruz avenue near the Highway and a cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend all of these services.
H. W. HARBAUGH, Pastor.

MENLO PARK FIRE HOUSE Phone 888
Wood and Coal Stoves (Wedgewood), Gas Cooker and Range. Gas Heater, Dining Table, Chairs and miscellaneous furnishings.
FURNIVAL
New and Used Furniture,
Menlo Park California

Wm. O. Horabin
Fuel and Poultry Supplies
American Block *Rock Springs*
King *Aberdeen*
Castle Gate *Hi Heat*
Spring Canyon
and
Cerrillos Anthracite Coals
526 Bryant Street Phones P. A. 59-60

Dudfield Lumber Company
PALO ALTO
Lumber and Mill Work
The Largest Building Material Concern on the Peninsula
MAIN OFFICE AND YARD:
COR. ALMA ST. AND FOREST AVE.
PHONE P. A. 21 and 22
PLAINING MILL PHONE P. A. 225

DURING 1926 we will carry the heaviest demand for service in our history—with an efficiency never before equalled. Our aim is to keep service available in advance of the needs of the territory served.
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
P·G·and E·
Owned · Operated · Managed
by Californians
2-126

Mendenhall Co.
PALO ALTO, CALIF.
JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE
of everything in stock without reserve at from ten to fifty per cent discount on the Dollar, will
END SAT. JAN. 16th
Mendenhall Co.
PALO ALTO

A 15 Dollar Cash Prize For the Best Slogan!
A slogan, seven words or under that will tell a short story of our policies, our work or our service. No limit to number sent in.
CONTEST CLOSES, JANUARY 30th
All slogans should be in before January 30th. The winner will be announced in the Palo Alto Times, February 6th.
The Stanford Laundry has the most modernly equipped plant on the Peninsula. A complete laundry service. Four drivers always at your call. You may visit our plant for ideas.
THE STANFORD LAUNDRY
J. BYRON BLOIS
252 Forest PALO ALTO Phone 2340

Thinking about putting in that garden, should make you think of US and the good gardening tools we have because our garden tools make your hard work a pleasure and it sure gives us pleasure to serve you.
ASPINALL & RYAN
BOOST MENLO BY TRADING AT HOME
Cutlery Phone M. P. 1494-J Tools

Pearl E. Ragan School of Dancing
FANCY DANCING OF ALL KINDS
CHILDREN'S CLASSES—SATURDAYS FROM 1 to 6 P. M.
LEARN TO DANCE—THE FLEA HOP and THE CHARLESTON
ADULTS CLASS—FRIDAY EVENING
DUFF & DOYLE HALL, MENLO PARK
PHONE MENLO PARK 1940-J-5

SUBSCRIBE FOR THE RECORDER, $1.75 Per Year